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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director (Administration) **JUL 24 1953**

THRU : Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT : Purchase of Land for FBIS, Okinawa

REFERENCES : a. Memorandum to Chief, FBID from Chief, Real Estate and Construction Division dated 7 July 1953, same subject. (TAB A)

b. Memorandum For the Record signed by Assistant General Counsel dated 3 July 1953, subject: Purchase of Land for FBIS Housing Project; Okinawa. (TAB B)

c. Memorandum for Chief, P&SO from ADD/A dated 10 February 1953, same subject. (TAB C)

d. Memorandum for DD/A from Chief, P&SO dated 3 February 1953, same subject. (TAB D)

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PROBLEM

To secure funds for the purchase of private land in Okinawa.

FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

1. The Department of State has informally notified the Agency that it contemplates the purchase of approximately 42 acres of land near Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa, on which dependent housing for both the Foreign Broadcast Information Division and the Voice of America is located.

2. The estimated total purchase price, including administrative costs, is \$26,710. The FBIS share has been established at \$10,400 for 19.25 acres.

DISCUSSION

1. It is the policy of the Department of State to acquire title in the name of the United States of America to private land wherever Department of State installations are constructed, a policy which has not been adopted by RYCOM for the military installations on Okinawa. However, the Office of the General Counsel expresses the opinion that the proposed purchase is legal and that sufficient authority exists for such purchase. (See TAB B)

2. The Department of State will provide the Agency a plot-plan clearly defining the interests and holdings accruing from such purchase which will become a permanent record thereof.

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CONCLUSION

To insure retention of the land upon which FBID housing is situated the Agency should share in the cost of purchase thereof by arrangement with the Department of State. (See TAB A)

ACTION RECOMMENDED

That \$10,400 be made available to the Department of State and approval be given to purchase the land in question on the condition that a guarantee of continued occupancy by FBIS be furnished the Agency. (See TAB A)

GEORGE G. CAFFEY
Assistant Director for Operations

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TABS A, B, C, and D

CONCURRENCES:

15/ RAS
for Chief of Logistics

8-7-53
Date

15/
General Counsel

AUG 10 1953
Date

Concur with the understanding that the amount \$10,400 will be absorbed within the present overall budget allocation of DD/I.

15/ E. R. Saunders
Comptroller

12 Sept. 1953
Date

Deputy Director (Intelligence)
(To be absorbed within FBID allocation)
ACTION BY APPROVING AUTHORITY:

Date

19 September 1953
Date

APPROVED:Distributions:

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1 - ~~DD~~ *A-DD/A*
1 - Chief of Logistics
1 - General Counsel
1 - Real Estate and Construction Division
1 - Comptroller
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15/ R. K. White
Acting Deputy Director (Administration)

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